

WYCOMBE OUT OF AMATEUR CUP

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE paid dearly for taking only 11 fit men to Leytonstone for their Amateur Cup tie, for when right back John Beck injured a knee after 30 minutes they had no substitute to send on. When Bates cried off in the morning they failed to find one.

Leytonstone: T Mackie; Emms, Moffatt; Andrews, Walker, Charles; Stone, Gray, Diwell, Cheesewright, Harvey. Sub.: Hadlow.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Beck, Ayres; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Royston, Horseman, Merrick.

Leytonstone did all the early attacking on a mud-covered pitch and found plenty of gaps in the Wycombe defence, but their finishing did not match their approach work.

Diwell was Leytonstone's danger man, continually beating Rundle on the ground and in the air. Twice he set up open goals for Gray but each time Gray shot wide.

The Wycombe defence did not look happy under pressure but Baker and Gale worked hard to check the home forwards and Maskell made fine saves from Gray, Diwell and Harvey.

When Wycombe hit back Horseman and Royston were dangerous but both shot tamely at goalkeeper Mackie when well placed.

After 34 minutes DIWELL surprised Maskell with a curling shot that went in off the crossbar.

Wycombe lost Beck for a

few moments with an injured knee and when he returned it was as a forward-line passenger.

Half-time: Leytonstone 1, Wycombe Wanderers 0.

Two minutes after the interval Diwell and Gray broke through on the right wing, GRAY finally scoring from close range.

The goal sparked off a brave Wycombe revival and after 69 minutes of continual pressure BECK supplied the finishing touch to a solo run by Samuels.

STONE scored Leytonstone's third goal after 77 minutes but a foul on Beck gave Wycombe a penalty soon afterwards and HORSEMAN netted.

Direct from the kick-off DIWELL scored Leytonstone's fourth goal with a 20-yard shot.

RESULT:
LEYTONSTONE 4
WYCOMBE WAND. ... 2

BECK INSPIRES WYCOMBE RAIDS

Leytonstone 4 Wycombe 2

WYCOMBE WANDERERS conceded defeat seven minutes from the end in this Amateur Cup clash.

Twice in the second half Wycombe, handicapped by an injury to right-back Beck, fought back from a two-goal deficit to narrow the gap. The visitors were forced to keep Beck on the field because they arrived at Leytonstone with only 11 fit men, yet it was Beck who rallied Wycombe after Leytonstone had taken a two-goal lead through international centre forward Peter Diwell, who scored in the first half, and Ken Gray, who scored a minute after the interval.

Wycombe could not master Gray and Diwell, and it was a surprise when Beck hit Wycombe's first goal in the 71st minute. Four minutes later right winger Ron Stone scored a simple goal for Leytonstone.

Beck was pulled down in the penalty area eight minutes from time and inside left Horseman scored from the spot.

A minute later Diwell surged upfield to score again for Leytonstone.